

THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)
Act 218 of 1956

500.2121 Home insurance; criteria for selecting dwellings for inspection; inspection program; filing inspection criteria; disapproval of inspection criteria; liability.

Sec. 2121. (1) If an insurer uses an inspection of a dwelling to determine whether the insured or applicant is an eligible person for home insurance, criteria for selecting dwellings for inspection shall not be based upon any of the following:

(a) Location, whether by political subdivision, census tract, zip code, neighborhood, or area which may be described as a block, set of blocks, or by street coordinates.

(b) The age of the dwelling or the age of its plumbing, heating, electrical, or structural components, or of any other components which form a part of the dwelling.

(c) The market value of a dwelling, unless the value is used as a minimum value above which all dwellings will be inspected.

(d) The amount of insurance, unless the amount is used as a minimum above which all dwellings will be inspected.

(e) Race, color, creed, marital status, sex, national origin, residence, age, disability, or lawful occupation.

(2) If an insurer establishes an inspection program that provides for inspection of a portion of its existing business on a periodic basis, the inspection program shall not be based upon any of the criteria in subsection (1)(a), (c), or (e).

(3) Criteria for selecting dwellings for inspection shall be filed with the commissioner for informational purposes only. The commissioner, after a hearing held pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, shall disapprove the further use of inspection criteria, if the commissioner finds that the criteria are inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(4) There shall be no civil liability, other than contractual liability where applicable, on the part of, and a cause of action of any nature shall not arise against, the commissioner, an insurer, an inspection bureau, or an authorized representative, agent, employee, affiliate of the commissioner, an insurer, or an inspection bureau or any licensed insurance agent, for acts or omissions related solely to the physical condition of the property in an inspection conducted for insurance purposes pursuant to this chapter.

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